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SUBJ: WHALING IN PERU

REF: LOU LIMA 5629

1. REFTEL RESPONSE MUCH APPRECIATED. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM COMPANIA BALLENERA DEL JAPON THAT UNITED STATES AND SOVIET SCIENTISTS PLACED DISCOVERY MARKS IN WHILES IN SOUTH PACIFIC IN SPRING OF 1975. MARKS ARE NOT VISIBLE, BUT SCIENTISTS EXPECT WHALERS FROM LAND STATION IN PERU MAY KILL WHALES WITH TAGS. REQUEST EMBASSY ASK WHALING COMPANY TO BE ALERT TO LOOKING FOR TAGS AS THEY CAN BE OVERLOOKED UNTIL AFTER WHALE IS PROCESSED TOO FAR TO KNOW WHICH WHALE HAD THE TAG. SCIENTISTS TAGGED 28 BRYDE'S WHALES AND 89 SPERM WHALES. INFORMATION FROM TAG RETURNS VERY VALUABLE TO KNOWLEDGE OF MIGRATION AND LIFE STUDIES OF PACIFIC WHALES. TAGS HAVE INFORMATION ON THEM WHICH GIVES ADDRESS IN THE SOVIET UNION TO WHICH THEY SHOULD BE SENT AND STATES WHAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHALE CAPTURED IS NEEDED.

2. IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO QUESTION GOP RE MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC). REQUESTS TO BOTH CHILE AND PERU IN THE PAST HAVE RECEIVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSE THAT WHALES OFF THEIR COASTS, ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED

BY THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. HOWEVER, AT THE 27TH MEETING
OF THE IWC, LONDON, JUNE 23-27, PERUVIAN OBSERVER, MR. E. MAGAN
FROM LONDON EMBASSY, INFORMALLY INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN
JOINING IWC. INGERSOLL

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